SUBJECT No. 552.

Grant of 300 acres of land near Gandargulipura reserved for plantation to the villagers for cultivation.

Messrs. Naranappa and Karigiriyappa, Dodballapur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The 300 acres of land near Gandargulipura now reserved for plantation is unfit for that purpose. Originally the same was under cultivation and yielding annually about Rs. 400 to Government. During the last famine the raiyats relinquished the land. Now the eight villages thereabout have no land for grazing their cattle. So this portion of the reserve may be profitably thrown out for cultivation and given to the raiyats of these villages who are willing to take it up.

2. Or the portions of forest where there are no casuarina plantations may be allowed to be used for grazing purposes on payment of four annas per head of cattle just as in the State Forest.

Reply of Government.—This is stated to be under enquiry.

SUBJECT No. 553.

Letting out of the whole forest of Mudgere and Sulleri for agricultural purposes.

Mr. Ranga Iyengar, Channapatna Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Out of the whole forest of Mudgere and Sulleri that is reserved for fuel, only ninety acres are ordered to be thrown out for cultivation. The remaining area may also be let out for agricultural purposes, if by so doing, the Government sustain no loss.

Reply of Government.—It would be time to think of it when the extent disafforested is taken up for cultivation.

SUBJECT No. 554.

Reservation of some District Forests exclusively for the use of raiyats.

Mr. Ranga Iyengar, Channapatna Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—All the twenty-four District Forests of this taluk are reserved by the Forest Department itself and the raiyats in consequence are in great want of grazing lands and wood for agricultural implements. About 500 acres out of Tenginkal Forest were said to be kept apart for the purpose. The requisition is not complied with as yet.

Reply of Government.—This matter will be enquired into, and a special report submitted to Government by the Conservator of Forests.

SUBJECT No. 555.

Transfer of certain Excise Revenue in the City to the Municipality.

Messrs. N. Ramabhadraiya, B. V. Ramaswami Chetty, B.A., and B. K. Garudachar, Bangalore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Transfer of the Locol Cess on still head duty on Arrack and Toddy Revenue in the City to the Municipality is prayed for.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 556.

Re-distribution of Hoblis in the Taluk.

Messrs. Desakulakarni Dasappa and Channalingappa of Nelamangala Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In reducing the six Hoblis of this Taluk to four in the re-distribution of Hoblis, Sondekoppa, which is the third in order in the Taluk, the first being Nelamangala and the 2nd Tyamagondlu, and seven miles distant from the Taluk Head-quarters, is not made Hobli Head-quarter and instead of it Dasanpura distant three miles from Nelamangala is made the Head-quarter of the Hobli. The smallness of the village and nearness to Taluk Head-quarter rather makes it unfit for a Hobli-quarter.

So Sondekoppa which borders on the Magadi Taluk may be continued as Head-quarter.

Reply of Government.—The Deputy Commissioner is considering the subject.

SUBJECT No. 557.

Carrying out of the Kumudvati project.

Messrs. Desakulakarni Dasappa and Channalingappa, Nelamangala Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The carrying out of the Kumudvati project will not only add to the revenue of the taluk but will create livelihood to the people of the taluk, in which there are no large tanks which would supply water for more than one crop during the year.

Reply of Government.—Noted. A project for Rs. 1,08,290 has been prepared for constructing a tank across the Kumudvati at Gabbur, and is now under scrutiny, but it is not a very promising one.

SUBJECT No. 558.

Contract for repairs to tanks to be given to the raiyats owning lands under the tanks.

Messrs. Seenappa, Shanbhog, and Byre Gowda, Patel, Bendiganahalli, Hoskote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As contracts for the repairs to the channels of the Amani Dodkere are given to people not owning lands under it, the works are not executed with the necessary zeal and earnestness and consequently frequent repairs are necessitated. If, on the other hand, some reliable raiyat who lives in the neighbourhood be entrusted with the business, it will be to the advantage of both raiyats and Government.

Reply of Government.—The Deputy Commissioner will enquire into this matter. The irrigation under this tank is repeatedly brought to notice as unsatisfactory. The District and local authorities will be asked to give their special attention to this big irrigation.

SUBJECT No. 559.

Opening of a causeway to the Dakshina Pinakini river.

Mr. D. S Hanumantha Rao, Devanhalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Dakshina Pinakini river, which is to the east of this taluk, is a source of menace to cattle and men in the time of flood. A causeway across will be helpful.

Reply of Government.—Dealt with in Subject No. 548.

SUBJECT No. 560.

Restoration of tanks in disrepair.

Messrs. Desakulakarni Dasappa and Channalingappa, Nelamangala Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The non-restoration of breached tanks is not only a source of loss to Government but also of hardship to the raiyats who hold lands under them as they are made to pay kandayam due thereon. It is therefore necessary that these should be restored as early as possible. There are three such tanks in the taluk: (i) Avverahalli, (ii) Kuduragere and (iii) Goranabele, (iv) Sulagunte, Begur Hobli.

Reply of Government.—Will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 561.

Restoration of breached tanks.

Mr. Ranga Iyengar, Channapatna Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The matter of restoring the breached tanks in Brahmanipura, Agrahara, Valagarahalli and Avverahalli was, after discussion in the last year's Assembly, referred to the Chief Engineer and the Deputy Commissioner for doing the needful; but nothing seems to